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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP THIRD
COMMITTEE AT 30TH GA

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1. SO FAR THERE ONLY FOUR ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR SEVEN
COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS AT 30TH GA. PHILIPPINE CANDIDATE,
AMB. SHAHANI, ONLY ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP
COMMITTEE III. HOWEVER, THERE TWO OTHER ASIAN ANNOUNCED
CANDIDATES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP (LEBANON AND NEPAL,
BOTH FOR COMMITTEE I). THESE CANDIDACIES ANNOUNCED SUB-
SEQUENT TO EMBASSY'S 2692, AND NEITHER CLAIMS ASIAN
ENDORSEMENT. UNDER 1963 GA RES ALLOCATING CHAIRMANSHIPS
REGIONALLY, THREE ARE ASSIGNED AAS. IN PRACTICE THIS HAS
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USUALLY MEANT ONE ASIAN AND TWO AFRICAN CHAIRMEN, THOUGH

LAST YEAR THERE TWO ASIAN (MONGOLIA AND IRAQ) CHAIRMEN.

2. IN CASE GA MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS, NOT ONLY IS REGIONAL ENDORSEMENT ACCEPTED PRACTICE BUT REGIONS MUST NEGOTIATE AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH CHAIRMANSHIP WILL GO TO WHICH REGION. US NOT MEMBER ANY REGIONAL GROUP FOR PURPOSES ELECTIONS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN CONTESTED ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP SINCE EARLY DAYS OF UN. AGREEMENT

IS REACHED INFORMALLY AMONG VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS, OFTEN NOT UNTIL DELEGATIONS GATHER IN NEW YORK FOR GA SESSION, SO THAT THERE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH CHAIRMANSHIP. THIS CANDIDATE THEN DECLARED ELECTED, EITHER BY ACCLAMATION OR ON "NO OBJECTION" BASIS, AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF EACH COMMITTEE.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IF QUESTION ARISES, DEPT BELIEVES EMBASSY IN ITS RESPONSE SHOULD REFER NOT ONLY TO USUAL US PRACTICE TO SUPPORT THOSE CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVE REGIONAL ENDORSEMENT BUT ALSO IN THIS CASE, CANDIDATES ON WHOM REGIONS HAVE AGREED SHOULD HOLD SPECIFIC CHAIRMANSHIPS. KISSINGER

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